In order to address the shortage of hotel rooms in Delhi NCR for the Games, hotel projects are being implemented by various agencies in National Capital Territory of Delhi and States of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh which are being monitored regularly by the Ministry of Tourism through the 'Task Force' set up for this purpose. In order to meet the assessed room requirement, in addition to the hotel rooms, it is also proposed to utilize accommodation of 'Bed & Breakfast' establishments, Licensed 'Guest Houses' and Housing Flats of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) at Vasant Kunj which would be furnished and operated by India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC).

Money spent on baton handing over ceremony

3235. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money that was spent by Government of India/ Commonwealth Games Organising Committee for baton handing over ceremony which was recently held in London; and

(b) the number of officials (non-sportsmen) who travelled to UK on Government's expenses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) An amount of Rs.5.74 crore has been spent as on 9th December, 2009 by the Organising Committee, Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 for Baton handing over ceremony at London.

(b) Two Government of India officials attended the event at Government's expense from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Satisfaction of Government with regard to works related to Commonwealth Games

3236. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the progress of various development schemes/programmes mainly related with sports infrastructure works connected with Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any targets have been set for completion of these projects; and

(d) if so, performance in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The work on all the Competition Venues is progressing at a rapid pace. Recovery Plans have been worked out, wherever required, which inter-alia, includes increase in the number of Supervisory Staff & Labour, increase in working hours, deployment of additional machinery, close monitoring and procurement of critical & special items to complete the work within the revised targets.